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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SF, RH, US

SUBJECT: MEETING WITH SOUTH AFRICAN AMBASSADOR

1. SOUTH AFRICAN AMBASSADOR SOLE ASKED TO SEE ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE THE AFTERNOON OF SEPTEMBER 9 FOR AN INFORMAL DISCUSSION OF CURRENT ITEMS OF INTEREST TO OUR TWO COUNTRIES. HE ASKED MOOSE FOR HIS IMPRESSIONS ON THE STATUS OF THE RHODESIA PROPOSALS. MOOSE TOLD HIM THAT WE CONSIDERED THE PROPOSAL VERY MUCH ALIVE THANKS TO THE REALISM OF THE FRONT LINE STATES AND THE FACT THAT SMITH HAD NOT REFUSED THE PLAN.

2. MOOSE OUTLINED OUR GENERAL THOUGHTS ABOUT GOING TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL OF UN REPRESENTATIVE TO WORK WITH LORD CARVER AND SUGGESTED TO SOLE THAT IT WOULD BE CONFIDENTIAL

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PRESSURES ALREADY DISCERNIBLE, FOR SANCTIONS, ETC. SOLE APPEARED TO TAKE CAREFUL NOTE OF MOOSE'S SUGGESTION.

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